



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05788.0200

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Alberto PIROVANO ) Group Art Unit: 2838  
Application No.: 10/026,883 ) Examiner: G. Laxton  
Filed: December 27, 2001 )  
For: SUBMARINE CABLE )  
BRANCHING UNIT WITH )  
CURRENT LIMITER )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, the period for response having been extended to December 30, 2003 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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